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**Boston Public Library's Request for Review to the FCC - Funding
Year 2005-2006**

November 7, 2005

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 - 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re:

CC Docket	No. 02-6
Applicant Name:	Boston Public Library
Billed Entity Number:	149096
Form 471 Application Number:	462857
Funding Request Number(s):	1271819
SLD Appeal Dated:	March 21 st 2005
Original Applicant Appeal:	January 13 th 2005

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Dear Sirs:

The Boston Public Library wishes to appeal the decision of March 21st by the USAC SLD Division rejecting the FRN listed above.

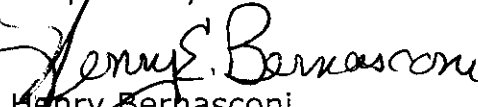
For Funding Request Number 1271819:

- The Boston Public Library appealed the initial rejection on the basis that firewalls are listed as eligible devices in the Eligible Services List.
- The SLD rejected the appeal on the basis that according to information provided the following items were removed as ineligible: CPXP-VPX-25-NG, CPXP-VPX-50-NG, CPMP-VEPRO-U-NG and CPMP-HVPG-U-NG. These ineligibles exceed 30% and the total funding request is denied.

Under Internal Connections in the SLD's Eligible Services List, it states that firewalls are eligible. It says: "A firewall is a hardware and software combination that sits at the boundary between the organization's network and the outside world, and protects the network against unauthorized access or intrusions". It also states "a firewall is eligible for discount if it provides basic and reasonable security protections to prevent unauthorized access to the information, software, and systems of an applicant's eligible components".

The products which the SLD states are ineligible comprise the basic operating systems of a firewall. These are its core components and without them you cannot have a firewall. It is the Boston Public Library's contention that this FRN falls within the SLD's guidelines as listed for internal connections.

Respectfully submitted



Henry Bernasconi
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